

Bromley restrict Wycombe to two

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2, BROMLEY 0

BOTH SIDES were reasonably content at the outcome of Saturday's Isthmian League match at Loakes Park. For Wycombe, victory carried them a step forward in their bid to carry off the league championship.

For Bromley, there was a measure of satisfaction to be gained from having conceded only two goals against a star-studded Wycombe side, who reached the quarter-finals of the Amateur Cup this season, and are the Isthmian League's top scorers.

Even if he had been able to select his strongest side, team manager Alan Basham could hardly have been over-optimistic about Bromley's chances.

After all, Wycombe, who are a good side wherever they play, are a particularly tough proposition on their own hill-side. And they had beaten Bromley 4-0 at Hayes Lane early in the season.

As Basham had to travel to High Wycombe without the injured Ray Hutchins and John Miles, and without John Campbell, who was working, Bromley's chances of escaping a good hiding did not seem rosy.

DAUNTING

And when Searle put Wycombe into the lead after only five minutes, it looked as though the writing was on the wall.

It must have been a particularly daunting start for defender Micky Rooth, who had his first full senior game for Bromley, having previously made only one brief appearance as substitute.

But in the first half Rooth showed up well, and only began to fade from the picture later in the game when, as had to be expected, the pace began to take its toll.

The two Wycombe players who had helped England to beat Scotland 2-0 at Falkirk the previous evening — Ted Powell, and Larry Pritchard — both turned out for Wycombe, and things looked ominous for Bromley early on.

But having got over the shock of the early goal, Bromley gradually stemmed the tide, and began to hit back with some good football.

It took them half an hour to win their first corner, but towards half-time they were having a good share of the

play, and only a first-class save by Maskell kept out a fierce shot by Danny Lakey that rounded off a good build-up.

At half-time, only one down, Bromley must have been in a happier frame of mind than Wycombe. It is quite probable that the Wycombe manager had a few well-chosen words to say during the interval, because after the break the Wanderers came at Bromley like a cavalry charge.

Eventually, in the 70th minute, Horseman made it 2-0, crashing the ball home from outside the penalty area, giving Derek Pullman no chance.

In the last 15 minutes both sides put on their substitutes, Searle had his name taken for a foul on Graham Gaston, and the unhappy Searle missed a "sitter."

This was only Bromley's second defeat in 11 matches, but no one is likely to lose any sleep over it.

Colin Brown was Bromley's man of the match.

Wycombe.—Maskell, Blunt, Gale, Powell, Rundle, Baker, Bremer, Horseman, Searle, Pritchard, Hutchinson. Sub.: Anthony (for Hutchinson).

Bromley.—Pullman, Rooth, C. Brown, Scott, Gaston, M. Miles, Coppin, Lloyd, J. Brown, Pettet, Lakey. Sub.: Trevett (for Lloyd).

West Wickham Darts League

	P.	W.	P.	As
New Inn	27	27	74	40
Greyhound	27	23	67	34
West Beck C.C. B	27	19	52	39
B.L. Hayes	28	18	50	32
Penge C.C.	28	17	49	36
George	28	18	49	28
Three Tuns	28	14	40	20
Fox	27	14	38	31
United Dairies	27	13	37	18
Pickhurst Hotel	28	10	35	20
West Beck C.C. A	28	10	33	24
B.L. Hayes A	27	7	30	27
Eden Park Hotel	28	9	29	25
B.L. W. Wickham	28	9	27	24
Railway Hotel	28	6	27	22
Beacon	28	7	26	22

Athletics

Blackheath ninth in 'Southern'

Returning their fastest time to date in this race, Blackheath Harriers' senior team were placed ninth out of the 36 teams competing in the Southern Counties relay championship at Wimbledon.

Their combined time for the 12 legs, alternating five and a half miles and three miles, was 4 hr. 6 min. 27. sec.

At Hayes, Blackheath's Roger Ebbutt, who is still in the youth section, had a good run in the closing five-mile cross-country race to gain the Bennett Cup for his total of 207 points from six handicap events throughout the season.

Second placed Pete Shepherd kept him hard pressed for this award.

Back on the roads, two "Heathen" teams both finished in fourth place in road relays at Bexley in Cambridge Harriers' 6 x 3½ miles, and at Crawley in an eight-a-side match.

Lawn tennis

YOUNGER MEMBERS 'AN ASSET'

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